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## **Explanation of Evaluation Ratings and Associated Actions**

**Superior:** Performance exceeds all established standards for the permitted activities. The permittee has made an exceptional contribution to the environment, research, education/interpretation, public awareness etc. for the good of the public lands, community or State.

Permittees receiving an evaluation rating of superior will be presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Monument and at the permittee's approval will be identified as a superior permittee on the Monument's Internet Site.

**Acceptable:** Permittee has generally operated in accordance with the terms and conditions established for the permit. This may include some minor deficiencies that need correction. If deficiencies persist after a reasonable time period following notification, they will result in a probationary rating.

Permittees with acceptable ratings are generally eligible for permit renewal where continued use is consistent with planning and other appropriate factors.

**Probationary:** Permittee has not operated in full accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit. Performance does not pose an immediate threat to the safety of guests or others, is not in violation of law and doesn't pose a threat of significant resource damage. Corrective action by the holder is mandatory and continued operation at this level of performance is unacceptable. Examples of items that could lead to a probationary rating include: required forms and fee payments are repeatedly delinquent, approved itineraries and/or schedules are not followed, or changes to camp layout or operating plans are made without communicating with the authorized officer. The basis for the rating will be clearly documented on the rating form or attachments.

A permittee given a probationary performance rating will only qualify for a permit not to exceed one year, and permits with remaining periods of more than one year will be amended. If the permittee receives a probationary level 2 years in a row, the authorized officer may suspend or terminate the permit and/or deny future permit applications.

**Unacceptable:** A permittee has not operated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit and cannot be allowed to continue. The level of performance is a threat to the safety of guests or others or involves a serious violation of law, significant resource damage, or major violation of administrative or financial obligations. Examples include failure to obtain necessary licenses or registration, recurrent or serious violations of fish and game laws, failure to pay fees, failure to comply with insurance requirements, falsification of records, or violation of resource management permit stipulations.

An unacceptable performance rating will result in suspension, termination, or revocation of permit privileges as appropriate to the circumstances.